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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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